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REASONS *Humbly ſubmitted to the Honourable* HOUSE *of* COMMONS, *againſt laying a Duty on* News-Papers *and* Pamphlets.

FIRST, If this Honourable HOUSE ſhall pleaſe to lay a Duty of 1*d.* on each printed Half Sheet, and 2*d.* on each whole Sheet in all Pamphlets, which amounts to 4*l.* 3*s.* and 4*d.* upon every Ream of Paper, that ſhall be ſo printed, 'Tis humbly conceived that no Papers or Books which are now in being, and muſt come under the Denomination of *Pamphlets*, can continue to be printed, or that any others, tho' never ſo uſeful, can under ſo heavy a Duty be raiſed for the future.

Secondly, Becauſe our *Engliſh Paper-Makers*, (tho' Daily improving) are not yet arrived to ſo much Wealth and Perfection, as to make Papers in large Quantities, and good enough for the Printing any Voluminous Books.

Thirdly, Becauſe the prohibiting in this manner the Printing of ſo many *Sermons*, Small Books of *Devotion*, *Ballads*, *News-Papers* and *Pamphlets*, as are Daily and chiefly making the Conſumption of our *Engliſh* White Papers, muſt of Neceſſity ruin that Manufacture in this Kingdom, be an *Encouragement to the Dutch*, and the entire Deſtruction of many Hundred of Families, ſuch as *Paper-Makers*, *Stationers*, *Printers*, and *Bookſellers*, beſides many Thouſands of other People that can get their Bread by no other Means, but by the Vending ſuch Commodities.

Fourthly, Becauſe it will not only be impoſſible to raiſe any Money by this Duty, but it muſt of Neceſſity make a very great Deficiency in the *Paper-Tax*, for what is given to the Fund in one Act is taken away in another, by prohibiting in Effect the Conſumption of that Commodity upon which the Money is to be raiſed: Beſides, 'Tis Humbly conceived, the laying down the *News-Papers*, may conſiderably leſſen the Revenue of the *Poſt-Office*.

All which is Humbly offer'd, to the Conſideration of this Honourable Houſe.

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